

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-10. (Canceled)

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Claim ~~11~~. (New) A process for the preparation of a readily water-redispersible and water-wettable polymer powder, comprising:

spray-drying an aqueous dispersion of polymer particles in the presence of a hydrophobic antiblocking agent, thereby preparing a dried polymer powder; and

homogeneously mixing a hydrophilic antiblocking agent with the dried polymer powder product obtained to prepare said readily water-redispersible and water-wettable polymer powder.

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Claim ~~12~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ~~11~~, wherein, in the process as defined, from 0.001 to 10 parts by weight of hydrophobic antiblocking agent and from 0.01 to 30 parts by weight of hydrophilic antiblocking agent, are employed per 100 parts by weight of polymer powder particles.

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Claim ~~13~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ~~12~~, wherein the ratio of hydrophobic antiblocking agent to hydrophilic antiblocking agent ranges from 0.001 to 0.25 : 1.

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Claim ~~14~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ~~11~~, wherein the polymer of the polymer particle dispersion comprises from 50 to 99.9 % of esters of acrylic and/or

methacrylic acid with alkanols of 1 to 12 carbon atoms and/or styrene, or from 50 to 99.9 % by weight of styrene and/or butadiene, or from 50 to 99.9 % by weight of vinyl chloride and/or vinylidene chloride, or from 40 to 99.9 % by weight of vinyl acetate, vinyl propionate, vinyl esters of versatic acid, vinyl esters of long-chain fatty acids and/or ethylene in the form of polymerized units.

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Claim ~~15~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ¹~~11~~, wherein the polymer of the polymer particle dispersion has a glass transition temperature ranging from -60 to +150° C.

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Claim ~~16~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ²~~12~~, wherein the polymer of the polymer particle dispersion comprise from 50 to 99.9 % of esters of acrylic and/or methacrylic acid with alkanols of 1 to 12 carbon atoms and/or styrene, or from 50 to 99.9 % by weight of styrene and/or butadiene, or from 50 to 99.9 % by weight of vinyl chloride and/or vinylidene chloride, or from 40 to 99.9 % by weight of vinyl acetate, vinyl propionate, vinyl esters of versatic acid, vinyl esters of long-chain fatty acids and/or ethylene in the form of polymerized units.

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Claim ~~17~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ¹~~11~~, wherein the hydrophobic antiblocking agent has a contact angle of $\geq 90^\circ$ and the hydrophilic antiblocking agent has a contact angle of $< 90^\circ$.

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Claim ⁸~~18~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ~~17~~, wherein the hydrophobic antiblocking agent has a contact angle of $\geq 100^\circ$ and the hydrophilic antiblocking agent has a contact angle of $\leq 80^\circ$.

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Claim ⁹~~19~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ~~18~~, wherein the hydrophobic antiblocking agent has a contact angle of $\geq 110^\circ$ and the hydrophilic antiblocking agent has a contact angle of $\leq 70^\circ$.

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Claim ¹⁰~~20~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ~~19~~, wherein the hydrophobic and hydrophilic antiblocking agents have contact angles that differ by $\geq 10^\circ$.

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Claim ¹¹~~21~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ~~20~~, wherein the hydrophobic and hydrophilic antiblocking agents have contact angles that differ by $\geq 20^\circ$.

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Claim ¹²~~22~~. (New) The process as claimed in claim ~~21~~, wherein the hydrophobic and hydrophilic antiblocking agents have contact angles that differ by $\geq 30^\circ$.